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Notes from around the pattern ... inside my head

Tom Lessor: Whenever tax time rolls around I tend to ponder on the question which asks our organization's primary exempt purpose because it's always filled out as Social Flying Club. It always seems to beg the question; we are? Except for the annual meeting and the odd work party, as a club we don't seem to socialize much in the way of flying at all. And I'm not pointing fingers here. I can look in the mirror and see a prime suspect in the anti-social butterfly column. No, this is just one of those random thoughts. One that popped up again as a result of looking back on an old email from Julia

Ryan, the organizer of the Phoenix Pilots Group. Julia organized the group "...with the purpose of giving those who love aviation an avenue to meet others who share our passion" and sent along the link to group's website, <http://aviation.meetup.com/76>, which I've placed on our website. It's free but one of those places you have to sign up in order to have access to the event calendar and chat with other pilots. It's essentially a bulletin board similar to what we tried to get going on our own website before we had to remove it as a nest for computer viruses.

Another website for aviation social gatherings, and one we have a link to, is The Breakfast Club. They generally schedule one location each month for a breakfast fly-in. Kind of makes you wonder if that's where the name comes from. They don't seem to offer much on their website but they do actually seem to get together for breakfast.

One of these days I'm going to see about signing up on Julia's site and maybe also make a Breakfast Club flight; maybe when it's cooler. The picture is of me fixing to leave Kearny, AZ (E67) in March. There's not much to say about it. I was visiting relatives that winter from Minnesota. I just threw it in here because it takes up space. Kearny is an interesting place to fly into, at least from the West, which may not be the suggested route. It's like approaching Sedona from the North. There's the rim. And then there's the airport. But there's way less traffic at Kearny.



In the pattern



Our newest private pilot

Al Galvi reports that Eric Roesler became our newest private pilot. Eric successfully completed his practical test on June 9th. Congratulations, Eric!

Hellos and goodbyes

One of five active members with membership numbers in the 300 range, Gary Christopher resigned at the end of June. Gary was in the club for 20 years and served on the board of directors. But the club won't lose contact with Gary as we will continue to sublease his hangar at Deer Valley. And we welcome and say hello to Patrick Buttermore, our newest member. Patrick joins us as student pilot and will primarily be flying out of Deer Valley during his training. We are at 53 active members and expect to fill our single vacancy from the waiting list shortly.

DVT master plan approved

The Phoenix City Council approved the Deer Valley Airport master plan on July 2nd. The plan had originally faced quite a bit of opposition from the Deer Valley Pilots Association which feared being forced out of hangars, increased rents and disruptions to airport operations. Apparently DVPA feels those concerns have been adequately addressed. As approved, the plan includes extending and widening the north runway, demolition of the small hangars on the south side, with construction of new hangars on the north side. We should probably expect being forced out of our existing hangars, disruption to airport operations and, if we elect to obtain hangars on the north side, increased rent.

Next board meeting

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at Deer Valley Airport in the Atlantic Aviation pilot's lounge on Tuesday, July 24th, at 7:30 PM. As always, members and guests are welcome to attend.

Aircraft Stuff

Locations

Chandler T-Shades

Deer Valley Hangars

Archer; N47601..... TS-10 Archer; N30749..... East 9-9
 Comanche; N9014P TS-2 Skylane, N493JL..... West 7-12
 Arrow, N31386Ramp

Above locations effective 07/10/2007. The next rotation of the Skylane and Comanche will be in early October.



Maintenance



30749:

- 150-hour engine inspection completed
- LT main tire replaced

31386:

- Member reports hand microphone missing

47601:

- VOR issues corrected
- Annual inspection completed

493JL:

- Panel lighting problem fixed
- Stormscope removed for repair
- Still having the odd knob issues

9014P:

- Oil changed and 50-hour inspection completed
- The board has elected to have the stabilator horn checked for cracks. There has been an ongoing discussion for years within the International Comanche Society regarding potential cracks in the tail assembly. There is no AD or service bulletin on this issue however Chandler Aviation has a replacement part available so we're having ours inspected.

Please remember to log oil use on the flight invoice.

The Safety Side

Tom Lessor: Yes, it's me again. And no FAA to save me with a handy article this month. I'm on my own. Here. On *The Safety Side*.

I thought we might cover some of features of our Garmin 430 GPS units that we don't use much. You're going to see a lot of Garmin filler each month when I'm staring at this page with nothing for this side.

The NRST (Nearest) pages of the Garmin 430 can be used to pull up information on airports, intersections, NDB's, VOR's, Flight Service Stations, centers and airspace. Looking through the manual now makes me wish I had looked through it before my trip to Atlanta. Need to contact FSS? Sure the frequencies can be found on your charts. Usually on the panel you just folded to the backside. But you can also get the information quickly on the Garmin.

Rotate the large right knob to select the NRST page group while on any of the main pages. "NRST" will appear in the lower right of the display. If you're not currently on a main page you can press and hold the clear (CLR) button until the default NAV page appears. From the NRST page rotate the small right knob clockwise to select the FSS page.



Pressing the small right knob activates the cursor and you can rotate it to select any of up to five nearest FSS locations within 200 nautical miles. The large knob can be used to highlight the frequencies which can be placed in the COM or VLOC windows with ENT button.

Happy Flying

Board of Directors and Officers

Club Officers are elected by, and are members of, the board of directors.

President Jeff Quackenbush **Vice-president/Safety Officer Neil Tracht**
Secretary Dan Streufert **Treasurer Tom Lessor**
Maintenance Officer Bob Skalka **Operations Officer Damon Kelling**